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In re Application of:

Bolken et al.

Serial No.: 10/664,845

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For: IMAGE SENSOR PACKAGES AND
METHODS OF FABRICATION

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Examiner: E. Pert

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The Examiner indicates:


[Certainly, the art of packaging optically interactive electronic devices includes many of the individual elements of applicant's claimed devices, yet fails to suggest the invention as a whole, as comprehensively claimed, which is an invention characterized by location of claimed adhesive relative to an "active surface of the packaged optically interactive device," "bond pads," and/or "transparent cover," combined with a particularly claimed configuration of "transparent cover" such as "*exposed through* a layer of encapsulant."

Applicant's devices as claimed are a novel result of a simplified process, which are advantageously less expensive than devices made by more complicated

methodology in the prior art of packaging optically interactive devices, where adhesive is applied differently, for example.]

Applicants concur with the reasons as stated by the Examiner insofar as they comprise a summary of one aspect of the present invention, and are exemplary and not limiting. However, some of the independent claims as allowed include other and different language than that specified by the Examiner, and all of the independent claims include additional recitations. Further, the allowed dependent claims include other and further patentable features and elements. Accordingly, the scope of the claims must be determined from the literal language of each as a whole, as well as equivalents thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application and a check in the amount of \$1,715.00 in payment therefor plus five (5) copies of the patent when issued.

Also enclosed are Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) with attached Replacement Sheets (4 sheets) and Annotated Sheets Showing Changes (4 sheets); Comments on

Statement of Reasons for Allowance; and Fee Addressee for Receipt of PTO Notices Relating to Maintenance Fees.

Applicants understand that no additional fees are required. However, if the Office determines that any comparison fees or other additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to TraskBritt Deposit Account No. 20-1469. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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Enclosures: Part B - Issue Fee Transmittal

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Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) (22 pages) with attached
Replacement Sheets (4 sheets) and Annotated Sheets Showing Changes
(4 sheets)

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages)

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